

Appl. No. 10/656,489
Docket No. 9355
Amtd. dated 17 August 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed on May 19, 2006
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A catamenial tampon comprising:
 - a primary absorbent member is constructed from an absorbent material compressed to a self-sustaining form, said primary absorbent member having an insertion end, a withdrawal end and an outer surface; and
 - a secondary absorbent member attached to said outer surface of the primary absorbent member proximate to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member;

wherein the withdrawal end of the primary absorbent member comprises a finger indent.
2. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is sheet-like.
3. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is may range in length from about 10 mm to about 40 mm from said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.
4. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is substantially non-compressed.
5. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a single ply.
6. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member comprises a first ply and a second ply.
7. (Original) The tampon of Claim 6 wherein said first ply has first capillarity and said second ply has a second capillarity; said first capillarity and second capillarity are different.
- 8-9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 further comprising a withdrawal member joined to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end for removal of said tampon.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) A catamenial tampon comprising:
 - a primary absorbent member is constructed from an absorbent material compressed to a self-sustaining form, said primary absorbent member having an insertion end, a withdrawal end, an outer surface; and
 - a secondary absorbent member fixedly attached to said outer surface of the primary absorbent member proximate to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member;

wherein the withdrawal end of the primary absorbent member comprises a finger indent.
13. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is sheet-like.
14. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is may range in length from about 10 mm to about 40 mm from said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.
15. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is substantially non-compressed.
16. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a single ply.
17. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a multiple ply.
- 18-19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Presented) The tampon of Claim 12 further comprising a withdrawal member joined to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end for removal of said tampon.